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TAGS: PFOR, SY, US, PPDC
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO ASAD

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DATED MARCH 25
TO PRESIDENT ASAD (INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITS DELIVERY IN SEPTTEL):

BEGIN TEXT: MARCH 25, 1977

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR MURPHY TO CONVEY THIS PERSONAL
NOTE TO YOU BEFORE HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON TO BE PRESENT
FOR FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM'S VISIT HERE. I WANT YOU TO
KNOW HOW MUCH I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR MEETING IN
GENEVA IN MAY. MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN
POSSIBLE FOR US TO GET TOGETHER EARLIER. WE WILL HAVE MUCH
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I AM DETERMINED TO DO ALL I CAN TO PROMOTE THIS CAUSE,
AND I KNOW YOUR DETERMINATION MATCHES MINE. AS I HAVE
STUDIED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN RECENT YEARS,
AS AS I HAVE HEARD FROM SECRETARY VANCE ABOUT HIS TALK
WITH YOU IN DAMASCUS, I HAVE DEVELOPED GREAT RESPECT FOR
YOUR DEDICATION TO THE INTERESTS OF YOUR COUNTRY AND TO

THE VISION OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN YOUR AREA.

I KNOW OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND STATESMANLIKE ROLE YOU
PLAYED IN BRINGING THE LEBANESE TRAGEDY TO AN END.
OUR FORTHCOMING MEETING WILL, I AM CERTAIN, HELP ASSURE
THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE
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WITH WARMEST REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.
END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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